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CASES AGAINST OFFICIALS OF COAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the vigilance/CBI cases against officials in Coal Sector recently;

(b) if so, the details of cases finally disposed of alongwith the rate of conviction;

(c) the details of cases lying pending as on date and classification thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken/proposed to weed out the corruption from coal sector?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) The vigilance cases are regularly monitored by the Chief Vigilance Officers (CVOs) of the subsidiary companies of CIL as well as in the CIL headquarters. The pending departmental inquiries are reviewed every quarter by the Chairmen-cum-Managing Directors of the respective subsidiary companies of CIL and the pendency position is also put up to the Board of Directors regularly. The Department of Coal and the Central Vigilance Commission also undertake periodic reviews of the pending investigations and departmental inquiries. In addition, a review meeting was taken by Minister (C&M) with the CVOs of the coal companies on 22.11.2001.

(b) During the last 3 years [1999-2000, 2000-2001 & 2001- 2002 (upto Dec'01)] 728 cases of irregularities were taken up for investigation in CIL and its subsidiaries. In 214 cases involving 395 officials, departmental inquiries were completed. In these, 122 officials were awarded major penalties and 133 officials were awarded minor penalties. The rate of those found guilty comes to 64.4%.

(c) The departmental inquiries are in progress in 115 cases and their subsidiary-wise classification is as under:

Company	No. of inquiries in progress
BCCL	25
CCL	16
WCL	10
MCL	11
NCL	4
ECL	10
SECL	36
CMPDIL	2
CIL (HQ)	1
TOTAL	115

(d) The following steps are being taken by Coal India Limited with a view to curb the incidence of corruption: -

(i) Periodic transfer of officers posted in sensitive departments.

(ii) Simplification and updating of various operational manuals.

(iii) Wide dissemination of the rules and procedures of the working of the company amongst the users.

(iv) Making audit report available to vigilance for follow up action as directed by CVC.